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- 1. Joseph Leemans, a member of the Central Committee and of the Political Bureau of the Belgian Communist Party (SCP), is to replace Jean Bertrand as the Political Secretary of the Borinago Lederation of the SCP.
- 2. According to source, im September 1949 Edgar Lalmand, Secretary General of the BCP, was reprimended by the Cominform for failure to comply with instructions to remove non-militant members from the Party. In order to reassert his authority in the Party, Lalmand denoted Bertrand from the Central Committee of the BCP and appointed him Political Secretary of the Borinage Federation pending establishment of evidence that he was attenting to undermine the Party.* As empected, Bertrand was removed from this position too and placed at the base of the Party.
- 5. Although the BCP has been generally reprimanded by the Cominform for not carrying out an effective purge, the Political Bureau has not felt it wise to follow Cominform instructions. It is almost certain that should non-militants have their Party cards replaced with "sympathizer' cards, many of them would leave the Party. The Political Dureau, therefore, finds itself in the unpleasant position of either following Cominform orders and lesing a large number of dues-paying members, or of falling into disfavor with the Cominform.
- 4. In addition to purge problems, the CCP is also face, with financial difficulties. The federal directors of the CCP have advised the officials of the various sections that each section must find some way of financing the coming electoral campaign itself. The propaganda bureau will not furnish any Party unit with material unless it is paid for immediately.
- 5. Finally the 307 appears to be concerned about the presence of police at its functions. Lembers of the Party have been instructed that is order to avoid the presence of the police, meetings, sales and gatherings will in the future not be aunounced in advance.

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